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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sampsell. Claims 1, 9 and 15 have been amended to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. No new matter is believed to be added by the present amendment. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments.

In particular, claims 1, 9 and 15 have been amended to recite the feature that "... the received content information is displayed on a content display uniquely associated with the selected peripheral device." That is, the content list is provided separately for each of the peripheral devices connected to the display device. Support for the amendment is provided, for example on page 13, lines 3-10, which describes a cyclic operation in displaying the content associated with the various peripheral devices connected to the digital bus system.

Such a feature is distinguishable over the system of Sampsell, which teaches an integrated ERG that displays the content information of all of the devices connected to the television system on a single, integrated guide. The integrated nature of Sampsell's guide is evident in Figs. 3-9, and their corresponding description. Additionally, Sampsell mentions that one of the problems to be solved is integrating the information from the various devices into a guide for the network (col. 2, lines 19-27). In that regard, Sampsell provides for an additional ERG generator within the TV receiver to integrate the content information from the various peripheral devices and generate the integrated display. Such a system may add an additional component and complexity to a television receiver.

By contrast, the present invention does not require such an additional element for integrating the content information and displaying an integrated display. Rather, the system simply receives the content information and displays the content information on a cycling basis and the user "cycles" between the various devices. There is no need for an additional component that provides the integrating function required by Sampsell. In fact, Sampsell teaches away from the present claimed invention by requiring that the content information be provided in an integrated display.

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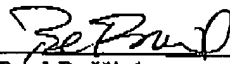
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In view of the above, applicants respectfully submit that Sampsell fails to disclose or suggest a notable feature of the claimed invention, and as such, amended claims 1, 9 and 15, and the claims that depend therefrom, are not anticipated by the teachings of Sampsell.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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